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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: AFRICANS HOLD POLITICAL RALLY

1. ACCORDING PRESS ACCOUNT, 3,000 AFRICANS ATTENDED POLITICAL RALLY AT WINDHOEK' S KATATURA TOWNSHIP MARCH 18. RALLY HELD UNDER AUSPICES OF NATIONAL CONVENTION, THE ALLIANCE OF SEVEN BLACK POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED TO SOUTH AFRICA' S ADMINISTRATION OF NAMIBIA.

2. SPEAKERS INCLUDED HERERO CHIEF CLEMENS KAPUUNO, SWAPO CHAIRMAN DAVID MERORO AND SWANU VICE PRESIDENT GERSON VEII. MERORO REPORTEDLY SAID AFRICANS OPPOSED FRAGMENTATION OF SWA AND WANTED UNITARY STATE. HE SAID SWA BEING EXPLOITED BY SOUTH AFRICA, AND COMPARED SAG WITH HITLER' S GERMANY. KAPUUNO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID MEETING LAID FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE OF SWA.

3. COMMENT: TENUOUS NATURE OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SAG AND UN SYG WALDHEIM MAY HAVE GIVEN A DEGREE OF POLITICAL IMMUNITY TO PEOPLE LIKE KAPUUNO AND MERORO.

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ONE WONDERS, HOWEVER, WHETHER THAT IMMUNITY WILL END
IF SAG TALKS WITH WALDHEIM BREAK DOWN.
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